

## CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. A light assembly and cooler system for facilitating the viewing of the contents of a cooler during dark conditions comprising, in combination:

a cooler formed with a generally vertical large front wall and a parallel generally vertical large rear wall with two parallel generally vertical small end walls there between, the front and rear and end walls all having upper and lower and side edges, the cooler also formed with a horizontal large bottom wall with peripheral edges coupled to the lower edges of the front and rear and end walls, all of the walls being fabricated of essentially rigid spaced plastic sheets with an insulating foam there between, the upper edges of the front and rear and end walls forming a rectangular opening;

a lid of a thermally insulating plastic material in a generally rectangular configuration with an outwardly extending periphery, the lid also including a hinge pivotally coupling one edge of the lid to the upper edge of the rear wall for allowing the lid to move between an opened orientation and a closed orientation, the lid adapted to rest in contact with the rectangular opening when the cooler is in the closed orientation,

the lid adapted to rest out of contact with the rectangular opening when the cooler is in the opened orientation;

a light assembly including a generally rectangular aperture in the front wall adjacent to the upper edge and closer to one side wall than to the other side wall, the light assembly also included an interior illumination panel and an exterior illumination panel with exterior surfaces coplanar with the plastic sheets of the front panel and a lithium battery operatively coupled to the panels for the illumination thereof, the light assembly also having a first switch extendable upwardly of the upper edge of the front wall to inactivate the panels when the lid is in the closed orientation to depress the first switch and to allow the first switch to extend upwardly when the lid is in the opened orientation to activate the panels to illuminate interior and exterior of the cooler, the light assembly also having a second switch located adjacent to the exterior panel adapted to be pressed by a user to inactivate the panels and to activate the panels to illuminate interior and exterior of the cooler;

handles on the side panels adjacent to the opening for assisting a user in transporting the system;

a latch on the lid adjacent to the upper edge of the front wall for manipulation by a user in locking the lid in a closed

orientation and unlocking the lid for movement to the opened orientation; and

a drain plug in the rear wall adjacent to the bottom wall for assisting a user in draining the system.

2. A light assembly and cooler system:

a cooler formed with a front and rear wall with two end walls there between, with a bottom wall coupled to the lower edges of the front and rear and end walls, the front and rear and end walls forming a rectangular opening;

a lid with an outwardly extending periphery pivotally coupled to the lid, the lid adapted to rest in contact with the rectangular opening when the cooler is in the closed orientation;

a light assembly including an interior illumination member having a switch operable to inactivate the member when the lid is in the closed orientation.

3. The system as set forth in claim 2 and further including an exterior illumination member and a second switch to be pressed by a user to inactivate both members and to activate both members to illuminate interior and exterior of the cooler, the interior and exterior members being located in an aperture extending through the front wall.

4. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the member and switch are aftermarket components coupled to the front wall by threaded fasteners laterally offset from the panel with the

switch operable by the lid and a second switch operable by the user.

5. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the lid supports the light assembly and the light assembly includes an interior illumination panel and a switch extending downwardly from the lid adjacent to the front wall.

6. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the lid includes an interior surface with a pocket and a flashlight removably received within the pocket and the lid also includes a light holder adapted to removably receive the flashlight in an orientation to illuminate the cooler when the lid is in the opened orientation.